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Preliminary LOSS REPORTS

for the week of 4-10 MAY 06

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U.S. SOLDIERS/CIVILIANS
DIED IN
ACCIDENTS

- 5 injured Soldiers
- 1 CH47D destroyed
- 1 HEMTT Fuel Carrier Damaged
- 1 M1114 HMMWV Damaged

➔ An 18th Military Police Brigade Soldier was injured in a POV accident on 4 May 06 at 0710 local in Kindsach, Germany. The Soldier was driving a Ford Explorer eastbound on the B-40 Autobahn when he blacked out and veered into oncoming traffic hitting a civilian vehicle. The Soldier was participating in a 12-hour fast, had only 7.5 hours of sleep, and had given blood the same day.

COST: 1 Soldier Injured

➔ A 2nd SBTC, 25th ID Soldier was injured in a motorcycle accident on 4 May 06 at 1100 local in Pearl City, Honolulu, Hawaii. The Soldier was traveling at an estimated 100 MPH in a 55 MPH zone and hit a civilian POV from behind. He was in the far right lane merging with traffic when traffic slowed. The Soldier was thrown into the rear of the car and received a close head injury. The Soldier was wearing a full-face helmet.

COST: 1 Soldier Injured

➔ Ten Soldiers were killed in a Combat Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, CH-47D helicopter crash on 5 May 06 at approximately 2011 local in Afghanistan. During Exfil operations conducting a two-wheel landing, the aircraft made at least three attempts to pickup personnel from a confined mountain PZ. On the last attempt, the aircraft pitched up and over as the rotor systems separated from the airframe. The aircraft initially impacted the terrain approximately 50 meters down slope, coming to rest approximately 182 meters below the PZ. Post crash fire and secondary

explosions totally destroyed the aircraft. The CH-47D was not equipped with a flight data recorder. A Centralized Accident Investigation (CAI) team from the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center is investigating.

**COST: 10 Soldiers Killed
1 CH47D destroyed**

➔ A 4th BCT, 4th ID Soldier was injured in a negligent discharge incident on 28 APR 06 at 1730 local in Iraq. The Soldier and a friend were playing around when the friend loaded a magazine into an M14, pushed the safety switch to "fire" and pulled the trigger shooting the Soldier in the right arm.

COST: 1 Soldier Injured

➔ Two 527th Engineer Battalion Soldiers were involved in an AMV accident on 5 May 06 at 2200 local in Pineville, La. The Soldiers were the driver and passenger of a HEMTT fuel carrier en route from West Monroe to support range fire operations at another location. Instructions were to enter through one gate which was not open when they arrived. They continued to another gate that was also closed. The driver attempted to turn the HEMTT around to return to the initial gate and was broadsided by a civilian vehicle. The civilian died on scene.

**COST: 1 Civilian Killed
1 HEMTT Fuel Carrier Damaged**

➔ A Wisconsin National Guard Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident on 7 May 06 at 1215 local in Black River Falls, Wis. The Soldier was riding a 2003 Yamaha Fazer 1000cc motorcycle while on his lunch break at weekend drill.

He was observed from a nearby yard making high speed passes. During a pass, the Soldier crossed the centerline into the oncoming lane, applied brakes causing the motorcycle to skid, lost control and was thrown into a vehicle. The Soldier was not wearing a helmet or PPE, had a suspended state driver's license, an expired motorcycle learner's permit, expired vehicle tags, and had not attended an Army approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course. Earlier that day, the Soldier had received verbal counseling for not wearing PPE by his section sergeant.

COST: 1 Soldier Killed

➔ A 2nd BCT, 2nd ID Soldier was killed in a M998 HMMWV rollover accident on 7 May 06 at approximately 0630 local in Fort Carson, Co. The Soldier was the TC for a HMMWV that was sent out to ensure all barriers were closed before a live-fire exercise was to begin. The driver of the M998 reported that he lost control and the vehicle rolled over. Both Soldiers were thrown from the vehicle and the TC was pinned under the vehicle's windshield frame. They were taken to the post Army community hospital where the Soldier was pronounced dead as a result of his injuries. The driver was treated for minor injuries and released. Seatbelts

were not used and a morning risk assessment/safety brief was not conducted. Speed was a factor. A Centralized Accident Investigation Team is conducting the investigation.

**COST: 1 Soldier Killed
1 Soldier Injured
1 M1114 HMMWV Damaged**

➔ A 504th Military Intelligence Brigade Soldier was killed in a boating accident on 7 May 06 at 1400 local on Still House Lake near Harker Heights, Texas. The Soldier was operating a Sea Doo personal watercraft with a fellow Soldier riding as a passenger on the back when their watercraft was broadsided by a Stratos 21' bass boat. The Soldier on the back saw the boat and tried to warn the driver but they were unable to avoid the collision. Both Soldiers were transported to local medical center. The driver died as a result of his injuries and the passenger suffered minor injuries and was treated and released. The bass boat operator was cited in the incident and alcohol use was a factor.

**COST: 1 Soldier Killed
1 Soldier Injured**

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